

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 219

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate head coach Cody Barrett and the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team on winning the 2012-2013 TSSAA AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team is one such estimable team. The Lady Warriors recently won the 2012-2013 TSSAA AAA Basketball State Tournament Championship, a fitting end to a spectacular undefeated season which saw the team tally thirty-five wins and climb to the top of the national rankings of MaxPreps and ESPN; and

WHEREAS, after advancing to the state tournament championship game at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Riverdale High School captured the AAA State Girls' Basketball Championship with a hard-fought, 78-69 victory over the team from Science Hill High School. The meeting of the two powerhouses was rematch of last season's championship game, and the state championship title is Riverdale's second in a row and third in the past four seasons; and

WHEREAS, the championship win also extended Riverdale's win streak to fifty-eight, and the undefeated season was the first in school history; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of head coach Cody Barrett is without peer; Coach Barrett's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were perfectly on display during the Lady Warriors' run to the championship; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors are: Olivia Jones, Tiffany Lewis Ty Petty, Teneithia Stewart, Jordan Greeson, Shanique Heard, Mattie Cantrell, Destiney Williams, Rachel Conyers, Brandy Alley, Alexa Middleton, and Shelbie Davenport; and

WHEREAS, senior Tyisha Petty was named as the Tournament Most Valuable Player, a fitting recognition of her talent and contributions to her team's success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett was ably assisted throughout the season by assistant coaches Holly White, Kassi Oldham, and Christian Simmons; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom, and this magnificent team performed with precision during the season, earning its well deserved reputation for high standards of athletic achievement, its quality of play, and competitive spirit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate head coach Cody Barrett, his assistant coaches, and the members of the Riverdale High School Lady Warriors basketball team upon winning the 2012-2013 TSSAA AAA State Championship and wish them continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.